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Examiner:	Rose, Kiesha L.
Title:	Encapsulated Organic Electronic Device
Attorney Docket No.:	2003P12964US

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

A Restriction Requirement for the above case was mailed on February 10, 2005 with a 30-day period to respond. Thus, the due date for the Response was March 12, 2005. In addition to this Response, the Applicant is also submitting a petition for a one-month extension in order to extend the due date from March 12, 2005 to April 12, 2005.

Docket No.: 2003P06350US

Group I is directed to the semiconductor device, and Group II is directed to the method of fabricating the semiconductor device. The Examiner asserts that Group I and Group II are distinct inventions.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants assert that the search and examination of all of the claims can be made without serious burden to the Examiner, therefore, the Examiner should examine all the claims on the merits even if the application includes claims to two independent or distinct inventions. See MPEP § 803.

In the event that the instant Restriction Requirement is maintained despite the above argument, the Applicants provisionally elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-9 and 21-29) with traverse for the reasons presented above, and respectfully request that upon the finding of allowability of Group I, the claims of Group II be rejoined as set forth at MPEP 821.04.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority of this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek early allowance thereof. If for some reason the Examiner is unable to allow the claims in the next Office Action and believes that an interview would be helpful, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Date: March 28, 2005

Respectfully requested,

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